

## SPENCER VICTIM OF FATHER'S ACTS, MOTHER SWEARS

Jekyll-Hyde Makeup of the  
Prisoner: Attributed to Cruel-  
ties Suffered When a Boy.

AIMED GUN AT PARENT.

Struck With Whip and Knife,  
Bound to Tree and "Left  
to the Wolves."

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Nov. 15.—Mrs. W. L. L. Spencer, mother of Bertram G. Spencer, the Jekyll-Hyde prisoner, accused of murdering Martha B. Blackstone, was called today as the first witness for the defense in the trial, which since its beginning has been marked by sensational and dramatic incidents.

Fully realizing that the most she can hope for is the acquittal of her son on the ground of insanity which means life imprisonment in an asylum, Mrs. K. L. Spencer, aged mother of the accused, mounted the witness stand at the opening of court this morning to lay before the jury the history of her son's life, tending to prove the insanity of the defendant. Mrs. Spencer has kept her vigil at the side of the prisoner throughout the trial, comforting her wayward son with words of hope whenever he appeared to be breaking down under the strain. In his most violent outbreaks the touch of his mother's hand thrust through the wire netting surrounding the dock has subdued the prisoner's passions.

When his mother began her testimony Spencer seemed to have regained his self-control, but later on broke into a fit of weeping and crying that gave at times a halt in the trial. Mrs. Spencer testified that when the prisoner was very young he showed signs of insanity.

WAR UNABLE TO MEMORIZE HIS PRAYERS.

The burden of Mrs. Spencer's testimony related to the punishments her son had received at the hands of his father and the probable mental effect of such punishment on the prisoner. Mrs. Spencer testified that Bertram was born a Leiseman, Conn., June 9, 1881. When Bertram was less than a year old, the witness said, his father punished him with a silver knife at the table one day, and that from that time the child began to manifest signs of nervousness.

One time when he was between three and four years old his father whipped him for some breach of discipline at church. During the punishment the child fell from his father's hands and struck his head against the stove, causing a head injury at the base of the skull.

At the age of five years, the witness said, Bertram seemed unable to memorize a short prayer and his father, believing the boy to be stubborn, took him into the woods, tied his hands, laid him across the chopping block and told him he was going to cut the child's head off.

At another time, Mrs. Spencer said, her husband took Bertram, then thirteen years old, into Mack's Woods, Leiseman, for some breach of discipline, tied him to a tree and drove away, telling the boy that the wolves would eat him. An hour later the father unbound the child and brought him back home.

On another occasion when the boy was nine years old Mr. Spencer whipped him for stealing a knife, breaking the butt of a heavy whip over the boy's head. Ever since that time Mrs. Spencer said her son had frequently complained of his head.

She said that when Bertram was fourteen years old she took him to Cheltenham, where he enlisted in the navy, but a few weeks later he returned home. A brooding gun caused him to be injured to his head when he was sixteen, his mother said.

In the same year Bertram left home

he returned one evening for his clothes and his mother persuaded him to remain for the night. When the father came home and learned that Bertram was in the house he took a lantern, rushed up stairs to the boy's room and jumped upon Bertram as he lay asleep.

Bertram grabbed a revolver from under his pillow and aimed it at his father, but the weapon was rusty and could not be discharged. The boy then ran downstairs and out of the house, his father pursuing him and firing five revolver shots at the boy as he disappeared in the darkness.

Later he lived at the home of Calvin Briggs on Norwich, Conn. In Norwich he tried to kill himself by jumping from Preston Bridge, and once was found on the street in a dazed condition. Later Bertram went to Portland, Me., New Haven and Hartford.

## BISHOP MACKAY-SMITH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEAD.

Head of Protestant Episcopal Church  
Dioecese Stricken Suddenly While  
Considering Retirement.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 15.—Bishop Alexander Mackay-Smith of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, and one of the most prominent churchmen in the country, died suddenly at the Episcopal residence, 30 South Twenty-second street, shortly after 1 A. M. today. Death was due to heart disease. He was sixty-one years old.

Bishop Mackay-Smith had not been in good health for several years and at this year signified his intention of resigning as bishop of the diocese.

## WHAT EVERY WOMAN WANTS TO KNOW.

Never have the dictates of fashion produced more becoming results in the wear of school girls than are to be seen this coming winter. Grace and practicality have been united. Some of the latest fashions and fashions for the girl of school-going age have been described in a special article in the Sunday World Winter Fashions Guide for next Sunday. This extra eight-page color section is edited by May Mantion, and contains what every woman wants to know about fashions.

## FOUND HIS LOST WATCH HIGH ON TOP OF FLAGPOLE

Steeplejack Hunted Several  
Days and Finally Located  
It High in Air.

J. Hughes, a steeplejack who paints the flagpoles on the city buildings, walked into the Yorkville Court building to-day and confronted Janitor John J. Rooney.

"Say, have you found my watch anywhere around here?" asked the steeplejack.

"What watch?" asked Rooney.

"Well," said Hughes, "you remember that I was painting the flagpole up above on Friday."

"What's that got to do with a watch?" asked Rooney.

"I looked at it just before I went up the pole," said Hughes, "and when I missed it to-day I began to think back and I haven't had it since."

"Some thief must have picked your pocket," said Rooney.

"When I was up a pole fifty feet in the air," retorted Hughes in sarcasm. "We will go to the roof and consider it," said Rooney.

They did. The watch was not on the roof.

"Now maybe you'll be looking up the pole for it," suggested Rooney.

"And even so," said Hughes, "I find my watch."

Sure enough, there it hung from its silk fob in the belfry of the flagstaff forty feet above the roof. The steeplejack went up and got it, and with Mr. Rooney disappeared into the rear entrance of Terrace Garden.

## TRIP TO SAN FRANCISCO FOR SIX LEGISLATORS.

They Go to Select Site for New  
York Building at Panama  
Exposition.

Six members of the Legislature will start on Monday next for San Francisco to select a site for the New York State building at the Panama Exposition. They will be accompanied by their wives and a secretary, Edward Stanton. There will be three Senators—Frawley, Cullen and Cobb—and three

## Assemblymen—Frisbie, Yale and Don-

Assemblymen Foley and Smith were to have accompanied the party, but they can't leave at present and Speaker Frisbie may substitute two others. The friends of Assemblyman Donnelly consider him "lucky," as he was defeated for re-election and this trip is looked on as a consolatory prize.

## Tiny Baby Found in Hallway.

A baby girl, about two weeks old, was found in the hallway of the Italian Library, No. 127 East Twenty-eighth street last night by Charles Bedell, the janitor of the building. The infant was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

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At All Riker  
Drug Stores  
This Week



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Well, to make a long story short, he put in an assortment of Chocolates and Bonbons and sent us a few boxes to sample. Our candy buyer looked them over and considered them a good 75c value. We have just received 10,000 boxes in different designs, and **we are going to sell them to you this week at 43c per box.** Each box holds about a pound—some a little more, some a trifle less, but they are handsome Holiday boxes, and what we wish to particularly emphasize is the fact that we are offering you a delicious brand of Chocolates in a novel, attractive package at practically the cost of manufacture. **Come early and get your choice of the assortment.**

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90.00 Natural Pony Coat,		65.00
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95.00 Caracul Coat,		68.00
85.00 Marmot Coat,		55.00
85.00 Cross Fox Set,		65.00
75.00 Dyed Silver Fox Set,		50.00
85.00 White Fox Set,		60.00
62.50 Pointed Fox Set,		42.50
40.00 Civet Cat Set,		25.00
110.00 Ermine Set,		72.50
75.00 Skunk Set,		52.50
50.00 Mole skin Set,		33.50
35.00 Beaver Set,		23.75
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